Requesting the City Council to enact Article 2-36 Orem Natural Resources Stewardship Committee of the Orem City Code.



- A new committee to address environmental issues including natural resources protection, air quality, recycling, and community education.
- The focus of the committee would be centered primarily in education and enrichment.
- It shall act in an advisory capacity to the City Council.



Background:

- Sarah Bateman encouraged Mayor Brunst to create this committee
 - Sarah gets involved in city projects
 - Anti-idle efforts
 - Garbage audits
 - Recycling education
 - Blogger Low Impact Living



Why should we create this committee?

- It is our duty to be stewards of the environment
- We have a clean air problem
- Resources are limited
- Community education
- Improvements to city processes might be identified
- Could help with business attraction
- Within Utah County we would be a leader and example



Credit: Grant Hindsley, Daily Herald



What could the committee do?

 Coordinate a series of classroom instruction for residents regarding water conservation, water-wise landscaping, recycling, low impact living, etc...



- Develop additional recycling programs or solutions.
- Identify projects to enhance walkability.









What could the committee do?

- Work with schools and businesses to develop anti-idling zones
- Work with businesses to install electric vehicle charging stations
- Clean Air programs and education



A) Encourage a vision and goals to protect the City's natural resources, which may include but are not limited to water, air, soil, and open space.







B) Explore and advise the City Council and staff of recycling programs the City might utilize to assist with accomplishing the committee's vision and goals. This includes engaging existing recycling businesses for education and training.



C) Advise the City Council and staff of innovative measures to protect the City's natural resources and suggest feasible policies, procedures, and/or projects that will have public support.



D) Review and advise the City Council on sustainability, recycling, and natural resources policies, procedures, and/or projects brought to the Committee by City appointed staff.





E) Work with other citizen's commissions and committees, including the Transportation Advisory Commission, Public Works Advisory Commission, and Planning Commission as needed.



F) Work toward the continuing education of citizens regarding sustainability, recycling, and natural resource protection issues in our community. This includes developing strategies to increase resident participation in existing recycling programs.

What Can Be Recycled?







G) Publicize and encourage citizen involvement in projects.





H) Participate on the Utah Valley Clean Air Task Force as desired.





I) Attend the Recycling Coalition of Utah board meetings in place of the city staff representative on an as needed basis.



- Five Members
- Appointed by the Mayor with consent of the City Council.
- Term of Office
 - Initial Term is staggered
 - Three members for three years, two members for two years
 - Three-Year Term
 - Two Consecutive terms allowed.
- Committee shall meet on an as needed basis determined by the committee members.



 A member of the planning division will be assigned to the committee.

Staff will schedule meetings and take minutes.



- An opportunity to educate the public.
- The city can become a leader and example to the general public and other communities.
- Natural resource stewardship is becoming more and more important to the business community and could be seen as a positive city attribute as we recruit businesses to the city.



"Recommend the City Council further study the issue and try and envision the long-term financial costs and potential regulation that could come from this commission."



Questions?

